AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, separately or together, an efficacious amount of (i) loteprednol or a pharmaceutically effective ~~tolerable~~ ester thereof and (ii) at least one β_2 adrenoceptor agonist for simultaneous, sequential or separate administration by inhalation in the treatment of airway disorders in mammals.

2. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically effective ~~tolerable~~ ester of loteprednol is loteprednol etabonate.

3. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the β_2 adrenoceptor agonist is selected from the group consisting of salbutamol, reproterol, salmeterol, formoterol and their pharmaceutically acceptable ~~tolerable~~ salts.

4. (Previously Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, which comprises (i) loteprednol and (ii) formoterol.

5. (Previously Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, which comprises (i) loteprednol and (ii) salmeterol.

6. (Previously Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, which comprises (i) loteprednol and (ii) reproterol.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of allergies and/or airway disorders, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an efficacious amount of (i) loteprednol and (ii) at least one β_2 adrenoceptor agonist, if appropriate together with ~~customary~~ pharmaceutically acceptable excipients or vehicles, for simultaneous, sequential or separate administration.

8. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of allergies and/or airway disorders, comprising an effective amount of the active compound loteprednol and at least one β_2 adrenoceptor agonist , wherein loteprednol and the β_2 adrenoceptor agonist or the β_2 adrenoceptor agonists are mixed individually or together, if appropriate together with ~~customary~~ pharmaceutically acceptable excipients or vehicles, and the mixture thus obtained is converted into suitable administration forms.